



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
**DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN**  
**GEORGE BROWN JR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
**(WILSON II ELEMENTARY SCHOOL)**  
**SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA**

**Public Comment Period: October 1, 2010 to November 1, 2010**

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the San Bernardino City Unified School District's (SBCUSD) proposed George Brown Jr. (Wilson II) Elementary School site (Site). The proposed Site is located between F, G, and 25<sup>th</sup> streets, in the city of San Bernardino. During Site investigations, lead and organochlorine pesticides (OCPs) were detected in shallow soils in concentrations exceeding DTSC health risk levels for school sites. The contamination of lead and OCPs are believed to be the result of historic use of lead based paint and pesticides on or around structures that have since been removed from the property. Therefore, SBCUSD submitted a cleanup plan called a Draft RAW to DTSC which describes: 1) The manner in which soil will be excavated and sampled, 2) the transport of up to 120 truckloads (2,742 cubic yards) of contaminated soil to a State approved disposal facility, 3) the onsite movement and backfilling of up to 10,865 tons of existing soil at the Site, 4) the installation of a cover or cap of at least two feet of engineered-clean fill from the Site (or from an offsite source) to cover the affected soils. In addition, a Land Use Covenant (LUC) will be placed on the property and all activities that may disturb the cap will be prohibited without prior DTSC approval. An operation and maintenance plan will be enforced and the cap will be inspected and monitored annually for any disruptions.

The soil excavation, offsite disposal, onsite movement of soil for grading purposes, and cap installation are expected to take place between November 2010 and March 2011. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this soil removal pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment due to the relatively short duration and the controlled manner in which the removal action will be conducted.

**PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE:** This notice serves to provide the interested community an opportunity to learn more about the project and submit comments to DTSC regarding the proposed cleanup during a 30-day public comment period that starts on October 1, 2010 and ends on November 1, 2010. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing to Jeanne Matsumoto, Public Participation Specialist, DTSC, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630, and must be postmarked by **November 1, 2010**.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** A copy of the Draft RAW and other project documents are available at reception desk SBCUSD BOE building, 777 North F street San Bernardino, CA 92410; the Reference Desk, Norman F. Feldhym Central Library, 555 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St., San Bernardino, CA 92410. Site documents are also available for review at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630. Contact: Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337. Project documents can also be found at [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov)

**CONTACT:** If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Jeanne Matsumoto, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (866) 495-5651, press 4 then press 6 or [jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jmatsumo@dtsc.ca.gov). or Johnson Abraham, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5476 or [jabraham@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jabraham@dtsc.ca.gov). Members of the media, please contact Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer, at 818-717-6573 or [jgarcial@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jgarcial@dtsc.ca.gov).

**NOTICE TO HEARING IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS:** You can obtain additional information about the site by using the California State Relay Service at (888) 877-5378(IDD). Ask them to contact Jeanne Matsumoto at (714) 484-5338 regarding the George Brown Jr. Elementary School Project.

*Si desea información en español, comuníquese con Juan Osornio al (714) 484-5498.*